

# **ASSUMPTION CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Wednesday March 5, 2025**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Bromwell Lodge by Mayor Derek Page who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was answered by Alderpersons Gary Nelsen, Kim Porter, Selena Reed, Travis Sullivan and Donny Walden. Also, present were Mayor Page, Attorney Stephen Hedinger, Treasurer Angel Palmer, Water Collector Tanya Rhoades, Employee Dana Owens and City Clerk Janet Waller.

Present in the audience were Engineer Ron Legner from Chastain's & Associates, Felicia King, Janis Herbord, Bill Herbord, Julie Holthaus, Herbie Palmer, Joe Mink, Lynn Zuber, Matt Hunter, Hailey Sigrist and Hailey Monnet from Whimsical Whiskers.

Council Member Reed, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made a **motion to approve the minutes of February 5, 2025 City Council Meeting**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Porter, Reed, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and 0 nays.

## **Approval of Bills:**

Council Member Porter, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made a **motion to approve the payment of the bills as they appear on the Warrant Sheets**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Porter, Reed, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and 0 nays.

## **Public Comments**

### **Communications from the Mayor:**

Mayor Page encouraged everyone to vote in the upcoming election on April 1, 2025.

The Assumption Firemen will have a free chili supper on Saturday March 29, 2025 for the community.

Interviews for a Police Officer will be done next week and a Special Meeting will be held to possibly hire a Police Officer to send to the Police Academy. The officer will be hired subject to terms in a written agreement in August.

### **Communications from the City Attorney:**

Attorney Hedinger will go over things as on the agenda.

### **Communications from the Treasurer:**

Nothing to report.

### **Communications from the Alderpersons:**

No comments.

### **Under New Business:**

Mayor Page would like to fill the vacant Alderperson position in Ward 2 with Matt Hunter. Council Member Sullivan, seconded by Council Member Walden, made a **motion to hire Matt Hunter for Alderperson Ward 2**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Porter, Reed, Sullivan and Walden voting aye and 0 nays.

Mayor Page would like to make the Acting Police Chief Seath Hubbs as the full time Police Chief. Council Member Reed, seconded by Council Member Walden, made a **motion to make Seath Hubbs the full time Police Chief**. Motion carried with Alderpersons Reed, Walden, Nelsen, Sullivan, Porter and Hunter voting aye and 0 nays.

Engineer Ron Legner updated the council on the change order addition for the 6 inch sewer line. There will be deductions from the field tile repair and the utility relocation to help offset the costs of the addition.

The Sewer Services have been completed in the southwest alley. The watermain and lead project should have crews coming back in the near future. They have been off due to the weather.

The Water Treatment Plant construction has started. A snow fence has been put up and they are putting in the culverts for the driveway. There will be a pay request for Burdick for the bond and insurance.

Motion to approve invoice for Sewer:

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| Petersburg Pay Request   | \$271,203.48        |
| Chastain Invoice 6886-63 | \$16,107.95         |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>\$287,311.43</b> |

Council Member Walden, seconded by Sullivan, made a **motion to approve the Petersburg Pay request for \$271,203.48 and Chastain pay request for \$16,107.95 for a total of \$287,311.43.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Porter, Nelsen, Reed, Sullivan, Walden and Hunter voting aye and 0 nays.

Motion to approve Sewer Change Order 7 **\$3,731.92**

Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, made a **motion to approve Sewer Change Order 7 of \$3,731.92.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Sullivan, Porter, Reed, Walden, Hunter and Nelsen voting aye and 0 nays.

The cost of the MFT for 2025 will be \$155,000.00. Council Member Sullivan, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made the **motion to approve Resolution 2025-2 for the MFT for 2025 of \$155,000.00.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Nelsen, Reed, Sullivan, Porter and Hunter voting aye and 0 nays.

Mayor Page discussed with the council adding the Easter Holiday as a paid Holiday in all the handbooks if the employee works on Easter Sunday. Council Member Reed, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, made a **motion to add the Easter Sunday as a paid holiday for employees that work on Easter Sunday to all employee handbooks.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Reed, Porter, Sullivan, Nelsen, Walden and Hunter voting aye and 0 nays.

A preliminary ordinance for the limit of 5 animals per household and also an amendment on shelters was presented. The public was informed that shelters were to be in a C-2 zone only. The shelter was informed they will need to request a variance change and a zoning meeting will need to be scheduled. After discussion the council members did not make a motion and would like to discuss the amended changes further before voting on the ordinance.

Attorney Hedinger gave an overview on City officials and employees buying City property and TIF funds.

Employee Dana Owens would like it on record that she was physically assaulted and was going to court by herself with no help from the City. There was a plea turned in and she didn't agree with it. She wants it in the minutes that she was going thru it by herself with no help from the City. She had called the attorney and was told that the Mayor, Attorney and her should sit down and have a meeting. She has heard nothing. Mayor Page said there is either going to be an ordinance or a handbook on it. Mayor Page said it was a mutual understanding they were going to do their part. Attorney Hedinger has something drafted up for the handbook. Mayor Page would like to take care of it at the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

**Public Comments:**

Council Member Walden, seconded by Council Member Nelsen, made a **motion to**

**adjourn at 8:08 pm.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Nelsen, Reed, Porter, Sullivan, Hunter and Walden voting aye and 0 nays.

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Derek Page  
Mayor

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Janet Waller  
City Clerk

Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, made the **motion to approve the March 5, 2025 minutes at the April 2, 2025 City Council Meeting.** Motion carried with Alderpersons Walden, Sullivan, Reed, Porter, Nelsen and Hunter voting aye and 0 nays.